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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, AS

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION AGAINST TRIDENT SUBMARINE

1. A HITHERTO UNKNOWN ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF
SNAG (SNDYEN NON-VIOLENT ACTION GROUP) HELD A
DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE CONSULATE GENERAL'S FORMER
PREMISES ON PITT STREET ON MAY 22. ABOUT 12 PERSONS
PARTICIPATED, AND THE EVENT WAS COVERED BY AT LEAST
ONE SYDNEY TV STATION. THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION,
AS STATED BY ITS SPOKESMAN, WAS TO OPPOSE THE
BUILDING OF THE TRIDENT SUBMARINE BY THE UNITED STATES
ON THE GROUNDS THAT ONE TRIDENT COULD KILL 19 MILLION
PEOPLE WITH A SINGLE SALVO.

2. THE ONLY PRESS COVERAGE
OF THE EVENT WAS THE FOLLOWING TONGUE-IN- CHEEK ARTICLE
WHICH APPEARED THE NEXT DAY IN THE SYDNEY DAILY
TELEGRAPH: QUOTE: A DEFLATING EXPERIENCE.
THE STATE'S NEWEST PROTEST ORGANIZATION - THE SYDNEY
NON-VIOLENT ACTION GROUP - EXPLODED 408 BALLOONS.
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THE 408 BALLOONS SYMBOLISED THE NUMBER OF CITIES AN
AMERICAN TRIDENT SUBMARINE CAN HIT WITH ITS NUCLEAR
MISSILES. THE GROUP IS ANGRY BECAUSE A TRIDENT IS
BEING BUILD FOR USE IN THE OCEANS ADJACENT TO AUSTRALIA
AND AS AMERICAN'S ALLIES WE COULD BECOME PRIME TARGETS
IN A NUCLEAR WAR. THE BALLOON BURSTERS WERE SO PLEASED
WITH THEIR PITT STREET PROTEST OUTSIDE WHAT FOR YEARS

HAS BEEN THE U.S. CONSULATE, THAT NO ONE HAD THE HEART
TO TELL THEM UNCLE SAM HAD RECENTLY MOVED. END QUOTE.

3. SO FAR THAER HAS BEEN NO INDICATION THAT THE GROUP
INTENDS TO REPEAT ITS PERFORMANCE AT OUR NEW QUARTERS.
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